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OUR SELVES

Schools have opened and we look forward to another year of useful and active Scouting and Guiding in our State. All Scouts and Guides would be busy with redoubled vigour in purchasing new text books and starting with eagerness their new curriculum of studies. Studies, of course, make a Girl or a Boy a scholar; but there are other qualities which go to make him or her a personality. Tolerance, discipline and perseverance are ennobling qualities that one should cultivate, besides being industrious and scholarly to shape into a real personality. No other organisation in the world inculcates all these qualities in a Boy or a Girl than Scouting or Guiding. All Scouters and Guiders, Scouts and Guides should rope in more and more of their friends into the Movement and give them also the benefit of this great organisation.

NEW PROFICIENCY BADGE ON TAGORE

As a part of the programme to celebrate the Tagore's Centenary Celebration, an All India Conference held at Pachmarhi on February 24 and 25 had decided to institute a Special Proficiency Badge on Tagore. This programme will remain in force for a year from May 8, 1961. Details of the test to be undergone before earning

this badge are published elsewhere in this issue. It is hoped that Commissioners will take special interest and enable more Boys and Girls to work for the Badge.

ARTICLES ON SCOUTING :

To make the State Bulletin popular among Boys and Girls, it is necessary that articles relating to active Scouting and Guiding are included in larger numbers. Commissioners are requested to impress this point on Scouters and Guiders whenever they meet them and request them to contribute to the State Bulletin and share their rich experiences with others. Photographs of activities in the field will receive special attention and will be given prominent place in the State Bulletin.

U. S. GIFT TO MADRAS STATE :

We are proud that the President of this Association, Sri C. Subramaniam, Minister for Finance, Madras State, is now on a study tour in the U. S. At a meeting attended by him, the Director of President Kennedy's Food-for-Peace Programme, Mr. George McGovern, announced the U. S. gift of food to five lakh school children in the State of Madras for the next 12 months. We all feel happy for the munificent gift by the U. S. and join with our President in thanking the U. S. for the generous offer.

CO-ORDINATION OF DISTRICT SCOUTING.

Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts) for Madras City, Chingleput and North Arcot has now been warranted by the State Chief Commissioner to function as Assistant State

Commissioner (Scouts) for the entire State. He will assist the State Commissioner (Scouts) and State Chief Commissioner in supervising the activities of the Districts with the assistance of the District Commissioners (Scouts). Sri Mudaliar was for many years the Provincial Secretary in the Boy Scouts Association. His vast knowledge and experience of Scout work in the District Centres would, it is hoped, go a long way in toning up and co-ordinating Scout activities in the State.

BADEN-POWELL—SAY IT WELL

(Miss C. John, State Organising Commissioner (G))

Baden-Powell—the giver of Scouting to this World has carved himself a niche in the hearts of countless Boys and Girls, ever since Scouting came into existence. But unfortunately his name has been pronounced by numerous people in varying ways even to the verge of quarrelling as to the correctness of the pronunciation. Here is the founder's own Key:

“ Man, Woman, Maiden
Please call me Baden
Further for Powell
Rhyme it with Noel.”

SCOUT LITERATURE.

THE MOVEMENT IN PRINT.

The first official history of the Movement is to be published by Collins. Titled "B. P's SCOUTS" It is a lively account of B. P's inspiration and the growth of the Movement over the years.

"B. P's SCOUTS" has been written by three men who have many, many years of Scouting behind them. Henry Collis-Headmaster of a famous prep school and a member of the Committee of the Council.

Fred Hurl- Chief Executive Commissioner at I. H. Q. for 40 years : and Rex Hazlewood - well known as Editor of both the Scout and Scouter. The foreword to the book is provided by the Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean.

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Mowgli Story and Jungle Plays in Tamil by Sri J. D. Asirvatham, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, Madurai, has been approved as good Scout Literature by the National Headquarters.

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The new edition of **FACTS ON WORLD SCOUTING**, containing the history of the Scout Movement in 36 member countries is now available.

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Boy Scouts of Canada have recently published a handbook for Rover Scout Leaders and Rover Mates entitled **CREW SCOUTERS HANDBOOK**. It is the third in a series of handbooks for Pack, Troop and Crew Scouters, and is of particular interest in view of the great shortage of material for Rover Scout Leaders any where in the world.

PROGRAMME FOR APRIL 1961 TO MARCH 1962.

Regional Commissioners' Training at Pachmarhi during September/October for Madras, Andhra, Southern Railway, Mysore and Kerala regions.

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| 1. H. W. B (Rovers) | ... | Pachmarhi, November |
| 2. P. Ls. Camp | ... | Pachmarhi, December |

Handicapped Trg. Expert to be invited to India for 3 months-special course to be arranged-observation and advice for the exsiting programme - dates to be announced when the visit of such person is finalised.

Handicraft Trg. Course at Pachmarhi in early 1962.

SCOUTING IS SIMPLE

To an outsider Scouting may at first appear to be a very complex matter, and probably many decide not to become Scouters because they feel there may be an enormous variety of things they would have to know in order to lead boys.

So let's keep Leadership Training simple. Otherwise, we may fail to attract the man who has initiative, self-reliance and imagination.

TRAINING IN EARLY STAGES.

Scouter Training started with Baden-Powell's "Hints to Instructors" included in "Scouting for Boys". Some experimental courses were organised in camps in the early stages of the Movement. The first Wood Badge Course was run in Great Britain in 1919. Training Courses at District Level were instituted in 1928. These were eventually replaced by the Preliminary Training Course which is a suitable preparation for the Wood Badge Course.

The Preliminary Course is for beginners and inexperienced Scouters, while the Wood Badge Course is a Leadership Training Course for Scouters who already have some experience.

SIMPLE BUT NOT POOR

"Simple" does not mean "poor". To remain simple in training is an art. Simplicity is the art of presenting the essentials of our Movement in such a way that an individual is enabled to think and act independently, and in the right direction.

Let us keep Leadership Training simple and basic.

—from World Scouting Bulletin.

MID-DAY FEEDING.

The splendid example set up by the Madras State Government in providing Midday Meals for children in Schools has been followed up in eight other States. They are Andhra, Assam, Gujarat, Kerala, Mysore, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

THEY CAN'T HOLD IT UP TO THE LIGHT!

Rovers and Seniors of the Calne Group have started on a job which will take them the rest of the year to complete. They are cleaning up the large White Horse cut into the Wiltshire Downs at Cherhill. The White Horse is a well known land-mark and it can be seen clearly from the main London to Bath road. The land around the Horse was sold recently and vandals got to work right away, daubing this local monument with paints of many hues. Added to this is the fact that no attempt has been made to clean up the White Horse for many years.

A party of twelve Scout "cleaners" will camp on the site every weekend grooming the horse and as one of the party comments "We are getting camping experience and helping to preserve a landmark which would otherwise fade away".

What a splendid opportunity for the Scouts to render service to their country! Scouts and Guides of this State would have come across many such landmarks with historical and religious Association in their own area—gaping with the insults the vandals had perpetrated. It is a way to fulfil our promise—"to do my duty to my country"—to aid the preservation of Monuments of historical and religious interest.

—Editor.

FILM ABOUT THE FOUNDER.

Henry Wilcoxon, film producer and associate of the late Cecil B. deMille is preparing to make a film of the life of Baden-Powell. The Motion Picture Associates of Hollywood have appointed Sidney Box to write the screen play. In 1946 Mr. Box won an Oscar award for his "The Seventh Veil". He has gone to California to begin his task of writing the script from all available material by and on Baden-Powell.

Excerpt from item in THE SCOUTER,
Jan. 1961 item by A. W. Hurl,
Chief Ex-Comm.

LEADERS ARE NOT BORN BUT MADE.

Psychologists have found that leaders are not born, they are made. They have found that leadership consists of habits and skills which are not inherited but are acquired by practice ; that the first step in becoming a leader is to become a good follower, a 'good co-operator ; and that people cannot become good followers until they have acquired the basic habits of leadership. They have discovered that all people must become leaders to a certain extent if they hope to be happy members of a peaceful society.

Most people, no matter what their inheritance, can acquire some of the habits of leadership.

The greatest leader of all time defined leadership in these words. "Whatsoever will be great among you, let him be your minister ; and whatsoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant". Jesus never demonstrated his definition of leadership more dramatically than when he washed his disciple's feet.

LEARNING BY SERVING

The habits of team work or co-operation, which are the basis of leadership are acquired chiefly through group activities. One learns the skills of serving others by working and playing with them, not by remaining aloof

Persons who are active in the Scouts, Youths' Clubs, Churches, School organisations and community centres are more likely to become leaders than those who shy away from such activities

Parents who by example and discipline influence their children to join the proper groups are starting them on the path of leadership. The first lesson in co-operation is that it is more important to please others than please oneself.

The practice in private of some social skill is important in developing leadership. The timid youngster who day after day practises on some musical instrument is developing a skill which may transform his self-distrust into self-confidence. I remember a bashful boy who spent many weary hours practising on the piano. One night at a large party he took refuge at the piano, and began to play.

Soon some of the boys and girls began to sing and before he knew it he found himself their song leader.

But even the more homely arts of cooking, sewing, telling stories, gardening being handy with tools, if developed to the point of superiority, can become the means to leadership.

The habits of financial self-reliance are important. Many persons who seem to have met the conditions of leadership still fall short of the mark. Upon analysis it is often found that they have failed to develop the important habits which lead to financial independence.

LEADER DOUBLY EQUIPPED

High scholarship may or may not contribute to leadership. The scholar who is also a good leader is doubly equipped,

Highly organised and competitive activities do more to develop leadership than do more casual groups. They require intense and energetic practice. Competitive sports such as hockey and football are good examples. High in the list are glee clubs, choirs and orchestras, for one sour note may destroy the whole effect.

Observers have found that public and private play grounds were a powerful influence in reducing juvenile delinquency. By their very nature such play grounds, with their facilities for competitive sports and games, encourage teamwork and obedience to the rules.

The vigorous use of one's physical energies is a common denominator of activities which develop leadership. All of the activities mentioned above involve physical movement.

The common denominator of those pursuits which hinder the development of leadership is the absence of bodily movement or creative exertion.

Every individual as well as society at large has the problem of setting up a better programme for developing leadership. Let us hope that its keynote will be the psychological axiom. All of us can be leaders some of the time if we learn to be good followers most of the time.

—from "OUT DOOR LIFE"

HIMALAYA SCOUT WOOD BADGE COURSE.

PART 1. (Theory)

Sri. L. Sreeraman, District Scout, Organiser, Saidapet, Madras, who has successfully completed the studies has been issued the Himalaya Wood Badge Certificate (Scout) Part 1. No. 3/61, dated 28-5-1961.

LIVE TO LEARN AND LEARN TO LIVE



By Kumari C. JOHN,
State Organising Commissioner (Guides).



SCENE I

(Mohandas Maharaj in his library with Sushil, Vijay and Anand in attendance - arranging books.)

MOHANDAS MAHARAJ :—Sushil, listen to me. I want to give a great feast to honour the Pundit Eashwar Chandra Vidhyasagar, my great Guru. He is the greatest soul, I know.

SUSHIL :—Yes, the wisest man we've ever come across.

VIJAY :—The most famous man in the whole of Bengal.

ANAND :—The greatest Scholar in all the land.

MOHANDAS MAHARAJ :—Yes, and the simplest saint on the face of the earth.

SUSHIL :— Maharaj, shall we invite all your friends ?

MOHANDAS MAHARAJ :—Certainly, every one of them—Landlords and Lawyers, Scholars and Officers—all of them, rich but foolish some may be.

VIJAY :—It shall be done even as you desire.

SCENE—2.

(Pandit Eashwar Chandra Vidhyasagar in a humble hamlet seated at his writing desk dictating a poem to his scribe Das.)

VIJAYASAGAR :—My son, is that some one knocking at the door ?

DAS :—Yes Sir, I can hear a gentle knock.

VIDHYASAGAR :—Das, remember, gentleness is politeness. He means to be polite—The loud and noisy are always rude and rough. Go, open the door quietly and welcome him. (Enter Sushil) Namastheji—Honoured Punditji. Our master Mohandas Maharaj desires to give a banquet in honour of you, the great Philosopher. He is inviting every one of his friends. 7 O'clock to-night is the feast. Here is the royal invitation.

VIDHYASAGAR :—My Son—a feast to honour me! ha! ha! ha! the blessings of fasting are greater than feasting. But few find it so. No feast can feed the man inside.

SUSHIL :—Punditji, your wisdom is deep. I am too poor to learn all that.

VIDHYASAGAR :—Sushil, the open nature around is the open book of wisdom.

SUSHIL :—Sir, you are very kind. Here are some beautiful dinner robes for you to wear. My master would like you to be there a little earlier.

VIDHYASAGAR :—Certainly Sushil—I would not keep him waiting.

SUSHIL :—Thank you Sir (goes out).

(Vidhyasagar continues writing).

DAS :—(Taking out the Royal Clothes one by one) Oh how beautiful these are! Sir, which robe would you wear for the feast?

VIDHYASAGAR :—Das, my Son, Clothes don't make a man. Robes dont hide a fool.

DAS :—Yes Sir, your words are true. But think of Mohandas Maharaj, your host. For his sake at least, would you not put these on?

VIDHYASAGAR :—No Das, not at all. If he is my sincere friend, he will not despise me for my simple clothes. Let me go. It is not good manners to keep people waiting (goes out).

SCENE—3

(The gate keeper at the gate)

GATE KEEPER:—(to himself) Time for the guests to arrive—Lords and Ladies—Kings and Queens, rich and rare will be coming, in all their glory!

(Vidhyasagar comes up)

GATE KEEPER:—Hey, who are you? Keep out of the way, old man. Can you not see the Royal guests arriving?

VIDHYASAGAR:—Ah, yes. It does not matter in the least if I walk in after them.

GATE KEEPER:—Hm, What do you say? What? you, walk in after them? Ha, ha, ha—You are one of the typical pious beggars hanging round at feasts.

VIDHYASAGAR:—Oh, is that so?

GATE KEEPER:—See, quite natural for you—Out you go! Quick, if you don't want the stick on your back.

VIDHYASAGAR:—Thank you friend, I go double quickly.

GATE KEEPER:—Yes, you had better make yourself scarce.

VIDHYASAGAR:—(entering his house) Das my Son, after all you were right.

Das :—(distressed) Oh Sir, why have you come back? Have you been turned out?

Vidhyasagar :—Oh, no Das, the entrance is for the rich only.

Das :—Certainly I can't allow my great master to be thus despised. Is it that gate keeper? I will pay him in his coins—Shall I...

Vidhyasagar :—Das, why come down to his level if you have seen better? In meekness possess your soul. Fret not yourself to anger my Son.

Das :—Oh my master, should this be allowed?

Vidhyasagar :—Nay my Son, great is my joy and great is my peace when I am counted as nothing. Don't worry about me. Bring those silk garments. I shall put them on—Let me not keep them waiting. (Puts on the royal garments and goes out)

SCENE—4

Mohandas Maharaj :—(to the guests seated) Welcome my friends Welcome. It is a pleasure to have you all here to meet a Scholar Saint. I am sure you will all admire the great Scholar Iswara Chandra Vidhyasagar, my Guru.

Prithviraj :—We should thank you for the great honour.

Manilal :—But Mohandas, don't make us too wise ! It is so moody and melancholy to be wise and deep.

Jegdish :—We won't be able to have our jokes in the presence of such a personality.

Shaji :—Jegadesh, I hear he is an ill-clad fakir.

Rana :—But Mohandas, where is he—this honoured Philosopher of yours?

(Mohandas looks at the time impatiently)

Prithviraj :—Ah, I saw the gate keeper drive away an old 'pious beggar' as he called him.

Mohandas : That can't be the great Vidhyasagar.

(Enter Eshwar Chandra Vidhyasagar in grand clothes—all stand up and greet him)

Mohandas :—Friends, Iswar Chandra Vidhyasagar, the great Philosopher, Scholar and Counsellor.

All :—Glad to meet you Sir.

Vidhyasagar :—My humble salams to you all.

Mohandas :—Sushil, be ready—Bring food.

Manilal :—Come along, let us eat and be merry.

Shaji :—Manilal, don't make the guest feel we are a set of gluttons—Great Vidhyasagar, You may prefer solitude to a company like ours.

Vidhyasagar :—Nay, my Son, company never corrupts me, nor solitude slackens me.

Prithviraj :—Ay great is your wisdom, Sir.

jegadesh :—Look, Shaji, the great Vidhyasagar is not eating at all—What is he doing, Look! Look!

(Vidhyasagar holding a cake to his gold embroidered shawl saying “eat, eat, I say the feast is for you—Therefore, silk and gold garment, please eat—do eat—It is all for you.”)

Shaji :—Look friends! He is not eating.

Rana :—See he is saying something to himself, Mohandas, the Punditji does not seem to like your dish.

(All stop and watch Vidhyasagar)

Mohandas :—(Getting up and slowly approaching the Guru) Honoured Punditji—Why are you not eating? What is the matter? You are asking your clothes to eat—Why Sir?

Vidhyasagar :—Mohandas my friend—Don't look worried. This feast is evidently for these clothes. When I came in my simple garments I was sent away. Now on wearing these grand clothes I am allowed in.

All guests :—Oh Mohandas, How could you?

Mohandas :—(Kneeling) Please forgive me great Vidhyasagar. I had not the courage to present you to my guests in your simple clothes. My gate keeper too was equally foolish. Please forgive my foolish pride.

Vidhyasagar :—My Son, Live to learn and Learn to live. The quality of Royalty is Loyalty through thick and thin.

(Which of the Laws can you say each one in the story was keeping or breaking?)

IT NEVER FAILS TRY IT

Let me tell you a story about a boy I know. He was a fine lad, strong and sturdy, but he had a lot of difficulty in making any headway at school. A bad illness when he was younger kept him from playing most games, and, though he had recovered fully he still had to take some care. He had quite a good brain but, some how, did not seem able to concentrate his powers.

One day he went for a walk with an old man. This old man had had quite a lot to do with boys and seemed to be able to see into their minds and understand their difficulties and indecisions. He soon saw that this boy needed some one who would stand beside him and, with his hand on the boy's shoulder, gave him that encouragement which would enable him to make progress.

The old man told the boy of the Magic Formula.

I CAN I WILL

He told him of President Roosevelt who was paralysed by polio. However, when the doctors told him that he would never walk again, he said "I can and I will walk" and he did, and became the President of the United States to be longest holder of that high office.

The old man told the boy of Group Captain Bader who had both his legs amputated after a plane crash. After the operation he said "I can fly again and I will fly". Special legs were made and Group Captain Bader flew in the last war, being shot down over Germany.

He said "I can and I will escape", and five times he did, till they took away his legs each night.

The old man told the boy how to use this Magic Formula.

After kneeling by his bed, in the quietness of his room and asking God's blessing and help, to rise and stand before his mirror.

Looking the boy facing him straight in the eyes he says with great emphasis

"I CAN AND I WILL"

The boy used to do this as soon as he got up each morning and again each night just before he jumped into bed.

He was very anxious to pass an exam. at the end of the school year and, as this drew near, he was surprised to find that he had made great progress in his form at school.

The examination was held and, when it was finished, that night he looked at the boy in the mirror. He KNEW he had done well—he KNEW he had passed even though the results would not be published for some weeks.

He knew,

Next morning he went to see the old man once more and looking him straight in the eyes he said :

“I have done it”.

This Magic Formula will work every time.

IT NEVER FAILS TRY IT.

—from the Scout.

THE SEVENTH WORLD ROVER SCOUT MOOT.

A World Rover Scout Moot will be held at Cilfford Park, Wonga Park, Victoria, Australia.

Wonga Park is approximately 23 miles from Melbourne, the nearest railhead being Ringwood, a station served by frequent fast electric trains from Melbourne.

Based on B.P.'s teachings of Rover Scouting the theme of the Moot is the Brotherhood of the Open Air and of Service.

Rover Scouts, Rover Leaders, Male Scouters and Commissioners of all ranks can attend the World Moot.

Application forms can be obtained from the State Headquarters and are to be completed and returned to Moot Headquarters, 384, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, together with the camp fee for each person. Application forms and camp fees must be in the hands of Moot Headquarters not later than **JULY 31, 1961.**

Programme : The programme is planned so that a Rover can enter camp on December 26, 1961.

The opening ceremony will be held during the afternoon of Wednesday, December 27, 1961 with a major campfire at night.

A community good turn will be a part of the programme.

There will be a visit to a sanctuary of Australian Wild-life where some of the unique animals will be seen.

Tours in other States and Billeting before and after the Moot will only be arranged if a request for such accommodation is sent to Moot Headquarters with the application form.

Camp Fires: All contingents will be invited to present items at camp fires which will be organised throughout the period of the Moot.

Passport: A MUST. Check with your travel agent or carrier booking officer in case a visa or endorsement is necessary.

Vaccination. A valid international certificate against smallpox essential.

Currency: All currency must be declared at Customs on arrival, although there is no limit on the amount you may carry in traveller's cheques. Bank notes are limited to the amount allowed out of the country whose currency is concerned.

Taxation Clearance: There is no tax for visitors who do not work for gain, but every visitor must obtain a taxation clearance before leaving Australia.

IMPORTANT

All formal and official letters and communications for the Officers of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, should be addressed to the Honorary State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, State Headquarters, "Wenlock park", Post Box No. 424, South Beach Road, Triplicane, Madras-5. This will facilitate quick attention and speedy disposal.

Personal and confidential letters intended for particular Officers may be addressed by their names.

P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY
Honorary State Secretary

WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

STATE COMMISSIONER (GUIDE)'S LETTER

Dear Commissioners, Guiders, Guides and Bulbuls.

My greetings to you all and best wishes for a successful year of activities.

The happy memories of the Golden Jubilee year crowned with the visit of Lady Baden Powell, our World Chief Guide, fill our hearts with happiness. It gives us renewed enthusiasm for the next step.

Lady Baden Powell in her letter to us says :—" My best wishes for all further advancement and success too—I know very well, that there are many handicaps and difficulties to overcome. But these are only "Test of our Steel " and with confidence and courage we can conquer them all."

Miss Helen McSwiny's letter goes "Please convey my warm greetings to your Commissioners and Guiders. What a truly wonderful thing, the World Guiding is, and what a powerful influence it can be in our lives as well as in the lives of the children."

Those Districts, Local Associations and groups that have celebrated the Golden Jubilee in their own areas will realise what that coming together, to commemorate the Crystal Palace event, has meant to each one.

The Rangers from different parts of the State who gathered at Stanley Park, in the heights of Coonoor, in April as guests of Mrs. R. E. MacLaine-Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides), Nilgiris, held their jubilant celebrations and dispersed to take the joy of Guiding to 'the wider world'.

The Golden Jubilee Camp of 130 for 3 days at Miss G. Pakenham-Walsh's Silver Fish Bungalow at Kulasekarapatnam, felt the dire need of training and planned for a Training Camp for Guide Captains and Flock Leaders which is the best way to keep the trefail shining.

The Jubilee Rally at Madurai meant the forming of a Guiders Club to further their Guide knowledge and train for efficient work.

West Madras marked the Jubilee year with a string of activities like Bulbul's day, Entertainment to the Mental Hospital patients, District Jubilee Camp Fire, distributing pictures and flowers in the Children's Ward, Guides Own and collections sent to Baden Powell Memorial Fund.

Kumbakonam Bubbuls infused great enthusiasm by their celebrations.

Instead of sitting back on our oars, let us continue the work began. This year 1961 is the 50th year of the coming of Guiding to India. It was in 1911 that the 1st Guide Company 'Primus in Ind' was started by Dr. Cullen at Jabulpore, Madhya Pradesh.

Why not try the following?:-

50 new members for the District or Local Association.

Earn 50 Rupees for a good cause.

50 Good Turn Services by each group.

50 trees be planted to live to see the next Jubilee!

We would welcome more such ideas and reports of activities from you.

With Guide greetings.

Mrs. D. L. GOPAL RATNAM,
State Commissioner (Guides)

FURTHER THE CAUSE OF SCOUTING

State Chief's Address to Mannargudi Scouts.

Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, B.A., B.L., State Chief Commissioner, Madras State, presiding over the Anniversary of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Local Association, Mannargudi, on Saturday May 6, 1961 appreciated the valuable work done by the Local Association and exhorted all the Scouters and Guiders to further the cause of Scouting in the coming years. He congratulated the Association for the varied and highly commendable social activities undertaken by them in the course of the year. The Annual Report was presented by Sri N. Ramamurthi, Secretary, in which he has stated that there is a total strength of 800 guides and scouts in 25 schools.

Earlier Sri J. S. Nesayya, B.A., L.T., District Commissioner, Nagapattinam, welcomed the gathering followed by an address by Sri R. Messiah Doss, Joint Organising Commissioner (Scouts), Vellore. Sri G. A. Daniel, Assistant District Commissioner, Mannargudi, was in charge of the Rally and programme of activities.

Sri P. Subbiah Mudaliar, President of the Association requested the scouts and guides to stick to the ideals of Scouting and Guiding and practise them in their daily life. Sri R. Viswanathan, Cubmaster, Tilak Group, N. H. S., Mannargudi, proposed a vote of thanks.

TO ALL THE COMMISSIONERS AND SECRETARIES: STATE HEADQUARTERS' TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "SCOUTGUIDE" MADRAS

We have registered with the Post and Telegraphs, our telegraphic abbreviated word "SCOUTGUIDE". All telegrams to the State Headquarters may hereafter be addressed as follows.

SCOUTGUIDE, Madras.

(P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY)
Honorary State Secretary

COIMBATORE GREETES THE STATE CHIEF.

To honour the State Chief Commissioner, Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu on the occasion of his visit to Coimbatore, the Scouts and Guides of the City and suburbs gathered at a Rally held on Saturday, June 10, 1961, at the Baldev Kikani Boys' High School, Coimbatore when the Honorary State Secretary, Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay was also present.

The occasion was also availed of to extend a welcome to Dr. Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer, Ex-Provincial Commissioner, Boy Scouts Association, Madras and Sri Shankar Saran, Ex-Chief Commissioner, Uttar Pradesh, who were also present at the Rally along with the State Chief Commissioner, as members of the Hindu Religious Commission attending a meeting at Coimbatore.

DR. SIR C. P.'S TRIBUTE TO SCOUT MOVEMENT

During the course of his address to the Scouts and Guides, Dr. C. P. referred to the Indian Boys and Girls being prematurely serious and he wanted that the Scout Movement should help the boys and Girls to develop the spirit of mischief and activity. He also said that the Indian tradition of service and comradeship has been well established by the Scout Movement and Social Service has been well done by the Scouts and Guides in the Country. He reminded the Scouts and Guides that they should be prepared to face all eventualities of life with a smile. He pointed out that the Scout Movement was one of the good contribution of the West and he was so happy to see the Boys in all their smiles and was also pleased to see their activities after some interval.

Sri Shankar Saran who spoke next commended the valuable services rendered by the Scouts and Guides in different fairs and festivals and was so happy to see the boys and girls bright and cheerful.

THE SMART TURN OUT

The Chief Commissioner, Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu expressed his happiness to see the smart turn out of the boys and girls at Coimbatore and expressed the hope that the 50,000 Scouts

and Guides in the Madras State would grow from strength to strength. He gave a brief resume of the activities in the Madras State and expressed the hope that their plans to have the second Jamboree would ere-long be fulfilled, the first one having been held during the period of Dr. Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer in 1925. He expressed his gratitude to the two veterans, Dr. C. P. Ramaswami Iyer and Sri Sankar Saran for attending the Rally and felt that the Scouts and Guides were blessed.

After the Rally the State Chief Commissioner addressed a meeting of the Headmasters of Coimbatore when Sri Chinnaswamy Naidu, President of the Headmasters' Association, Coimbatore District, presided. There was a frank exchange of views regarding the difficulties experienced with the handicaps created by the support that was available to the NCC and ACC Movements from the Government. The Chief appealed for greater support to a voluntary Organisation like the Scouts and Guides. Sri Venkatesalu, Headmaster, Rajalakshmi High School, proposed a vote of thanks. Sri Ramaswami, Headmaster, Kikani Boys High School, was kind enough to make all the arrangements.

TRAINING COURSES AT PACHMARHI, NATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE (Guides)

	Duration of Camp	Camp Fee.
1. Commissioner's Training (For the States of Madras, Andhra, Kerala, S. Railway and Mysore)	30—9—61 to 4—10—61	20.00
2. Himalaya Wood Badge (B)	20—10—61 to 29—10—61	30.00
3. Patrol Leaders Camp	16—12—61 to 31—12—61	17.50
4. D.C.C's & A.D.C.C's Course	3—1—62 to 12—1—62	30.00
5. D.C.C's Conference	15—1—62 to 16—1—62	10.00

Those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity offered may kindly contact the State Headquarters immediately for further particulars.

SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF MID-DAY MEAL PROGRAMME.

Recognition through U. S. Food Gift.

The United State has come forward to provide food for five lakh school children in the State of Madras for the next 12 months. This announcement was made by Mr. George McGovern, Director of President Kennedy's Food-for-Peace Programme at a ceremony attended by the President of Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides, Sri C. Subramaniam, Minister for Finance, Government of Madras. Thanking the U. S. for the gift, Sri Subramaniam, is reported to have said that this gift would help the Madras State Government to achieve its goal of increassing School enrolment which had been held back by low standard of living and nutrition deficiency.

Prof. Kenneth Galbraith, U. S. Ambassador to India who participated in the ceremony praised the Madras Government saying that it was a "good Government" which invested in education and other social programmes as well as economic investment.

He said that the City of Madras was one of the most progressive communities in the world and should be visited by more Americans than had gone there in the past.

SPECIAL PROFICIENCY BADGE ON TAGORE

A Special Proficiency Badge on Tagore has been instituted by the National Headquarters of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. This Special Badge will be awarded to the successful Scouts and Guides who will complete a test. This programme will remain in force for a year from May 8, 1961.

The syllabus for the test will be as follows :

1. Give a short sketch of Tagore's life?
2. Write a critical appreciation of either a play or one of the short stories of Tagore.
3. Name the book for which Tagore won the Nobel Prize.
4. Name any three of books containing poems and any three of his books written in prose.

OR

Prepare a scrap book on Tagore's life and writings.

5. Write 15 lines explaining the aims and purpose of Tagore in forming Vishwa Bharati.
6. Who wrote our National Anthem? Explain in a few lines the main idea and theme of this song.

It is hoped that all Scouts and Guides will do their best to win this Special Badge. All District Commissioners are requested to furnish to the State Headquarters an idea of the number of Scouts and Guides who are likely to appear for this test, by the August 15, 1961. Besides training the boys and girls to earn this Special Badge, Commissioners are requested to suggest to Group Scouters to arrange for at least one meeting during the Centenary Celebrations to speak to the Boys and Girls about Tagore's life and his contribution to India and to the world. Reports of such meetings may be sent to the Headquarters for publication in the Bulletin.

P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY,
Honorary State Secretary.

NEWS & NOTES

The following International Scout & Guide events have been so far announced :

1. Trainers Conference 18—30, Jan. 1962
Asian Region (Miss M. Franks, ASOC & ADCC Rajasthan attending)
—PHILIPPINES
2. Training Conference for 9—19, Jan. 1962
Leaders of Handicapped Guides. —AUSTRALIA
3. International Commissioner Sept., 1961
Meeting. —SWITZERLAND

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The State Chief Commissioner, Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, B.A., B.L., the Honorary State Secretary Sri P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, and the Honorary State Treasurer, Sri P. M. Dowlathram, toured the Nilgiris and Coimbatore Districts to study local problems. They utilised this opportunity to meet the District Officials and to solve a number of problems concerning Scouting and Guiding in those Districts.

The State Chief Commissioner has been pleased to warrant Sri T.R. Kothandram Mudaliar as the Assistant State Commissioner in charge of the whole State. Sri Mudaliar will concentrate on the co-ordination of District activities in the State and supervise also the work of the Organising Commissioners posted to the various Regional Centres in the State.

OUR ASSISTANT STATE COMMISSIONER (SCOUTS)

Madras State



SRI T. R. KOTHANDARAM MUDALIAR

The State Organising Commissioner (Scouts) and the Joint State Organising Commissioners (Scouts) have established their offices in their respective regions. Their addresses are :

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PAPANAICKENPALAYAM P. O.,
COIMBATORE-1
3. **SRI R. MESSIAH DOSS**,
Deputy Camp Chief and Joint State Organising
Commissioner (Scouts),
Bharat Scouts and Guides,
MANJURPETTA P. O.,
(via) VELLORE, North Arcot District.

DISTRICT NEWS

ANAMALLAIS.

A Rover Crew was inaugurated at Nallacattu Tea Estate on Sunday the May 7, 1961. Mr. J. V. Body, Director and Group Manager of Stanmore Group, presided. The Group Committee was also formed with Sri K. Srinivasan, Manager, Nallacattu Estate, as its president.

CHIDAMBARAM.

Chidambaram Bharat Scouts and Guides Local Association at its meeting held on May 25, 1961 at the Municipal Basic School, Kanakasabainagar, felicitated Sri M. Subbaroya Pillai, President of the Association on his recent election as President of the Chamber of Municipal Chairmen, Tamilnad.

Sri V. Subrahmanian, Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University, presided over the function. Sri S. Ramalingam Pillai, Vice-President of the Association, Sri M. Rajagopalan, Sri N. V. Ramaswamy, Sri M. Ratnam, Sri M. Gopala Ayyangar, Sri Srinivasan, and Sri P. R. Ramachandran, Secretary of the South Arcot District Association, spoke on the occasion.

MADURAI

A Refresher Training Course for Cubmasters was conducted at Y. M. C. A. Madurai, from April 7 to 9, 1961. Fifteen teachers of Madurai Municipal Schools attended.

Sri John Victor, Municipal Educational Officer, Madurai, inaugurated the course. Sri J. D. Asirvatham, A. D. C. C. was in charge, assisted by Messrs. T. N. Bhuminathan, D. S. O., D. Seenikothalam and G. S. Paulraj.

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The Harvey Rover Crew, Madurai was "At Home" to Sri A. V. Jayachandran, Headquarters Commissioner for Literature and Publicity at Madurai on April 16. After the dinner, Sri Jayachandran addressed the Rovers. Sri V. S. Ramasubramaniam, District Commissioner (Scouts), presided and Sri S. Theertham, A. R. S. L. proposed a vote of thanks.

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Scouts and Rovers of Madurai city rendered valuable service during the Chitra Festival, April 27 to May 2. Sri K. Sundara Rajan, Scouter was in charge of the Service.

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A meeting of the Guiders Club was held on April 5 in O. C. P. M. High School compound. Miss S. Rajammal, Inspectress of Schools, Madurai Division addressed the Guiders.

Scouts of Madurai City rendered useful service on the occasion of the anniversary of the Gandhi Sangrahalaya on May 15th with Sri C. Subramaniam, Finance Minister, in the chair. Sri K. Kamaraj, Chief Minister, addressed the gathering at Gandhi Museum Theatre.

Another opportunity for Scout service was provided by the Madurai District Tagore Centenary Celebration Committee when they had their function on May 19th at the Open Air Theatre of Gandhi Museum at Madurai.

Both the functions were followed by cultural and drama entertainments and attracted large crowds where the voluntary help of Scouts was much appreciated.

At the conclusion of the annual Chitrai Exhibition at Tumkur grounds, Madurai, on May 28th a Certificate of Merit was awarded to Madurai District Association for the Scout and Guide exhibits in the special stall run by them.

SALEM.

The Salem city Scouters and Rovers rendered service during the Fire Festival of Drowpathi Amman Temple, Kitchipalayam, and Shri Dharmarajaswamy procession from 10-6-61 to 12-6-61. The Service Corps was led by Sri K. Devarajan, Rover Scout Leader. The Managing Trustees of the Temple appreciated the Services of the Scouts.

TANJORE.

A contingent of Scouters and Scouts drawn from Local Association, Kumbakonam, Local Association, Tanjore, Board High School, Tiruvarur, Board Higher Elementary Schools, Kilaiyur and Padakkudi rendered Scout service at the 16th Tamilnad Co-operative Conference held at the Government College, Kumbakonam, on May 20 and 21, 1961. A posee of welcome was given to Minister for Industries, Sri R. Venkataraman, when he arrived at the Conference Pandal.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Local Association Kumbakonam, was held on May 18, 1961 to pass a condolence Resolution on the sudden and untimely demise of Sri Aramanai A. R. Rama Iyer, Vice-President of the Association. Sri K. S. Krishnaswamy Iyengar, Chairman of the Association, presided.

The Scouts and Scouters of the second Kattumannarkoil Everest Scout Troop had their Annual Camp at Eyyalur from March 29 to April 2, 1961. The Camp was declared open by Sri M. R. Ratnam, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts).

The Scouts visited the Harijan Colony at the village and rendered service by cleaning the streets and aiding the people to keep their houses and surroundings clean.

பறவையர் விளையாட்டு

புல் புல்களுக்காக தொகுக்கப்பட்ட விளையாட்டுகளிலிருந்து கீழே இரண்டு விளையாட்டுகளைத் தருகிறோம்.

1. மந்திரக்காரி

தலைவியைச் சுற்றிப் புல் புல் பறவைகள் ஒரு பெரிய வட்டமாய் நிற்க வேண்டும். தலைவி கட்டளையிடும்போது அதற்குரிய செய்கை செய்யவேண்டும்.

புல் புல்—மெதுவாகச் சுற்றி ஓடல்.

செவ்விந்தியர்—குதிங்காலில் ஓடல்.

அரக்கர்—கையை மேல் நீட்டி உயரமாய் குதிங்காலில் நடத்தல்.

குள்ளர்—குவிந்து உட்கார்ந்து தவளைபோல் குதித்தல்.

கொக்கு—ஒற்றைக் காலில் நிற்கல்.

ஜோசியன்—இருக்கிறபடியே.

மந்திரக்காரி—புல் புல்கள் வட்டத்தை விட்டு ஓடவேண்டும்.

தலைவி எத்தனை பேரைப் பிடிக்க முடியுமோ அத்தனை பேரையும் பிடிப்பாள். பிடிப்பட்டவர்கள் அவளுடன் நின்று மற்றவர்களைப் பிடிக்க அவளுக்கு உதவ வேண்டும்.

2. குவாக் குவாக்

கைகளைப் பின்னால் கட்டி புல் புல்கள் தத்தம் வரிசையில் நிற்க வேண்டும். தலைவி 'குவாக்' என்றவுடன் முதலில் நிற்கும் புல் புல் சற்று தூரத்துக்கப்பால் வைத்திருக்கும் நூல் துண்டுகளில் ஒன்றை வாயினால் கவ்வி எடுத்து தன் வரிசைக்கு முன்னால் போட்டுவிட்டு வரிசையின் கடைசிக்குப்போய் 'குவாக் குவாக்' என்று கூவவேண்டும். உடனே இரண்டாம் புல் புல் அப்படியே செய்யவேண்டும். வரிசை முழுவதும் நூல் துண்டு கொண்டு வந்து முடித்ததும் எல்லோரும் 'குவாக் குவாக்' என்று சத்தமிடவேண்டும். முதலில் முடிக்கும் வரிசையே வெற்றி பெற்றதாகும்.

